"Oh, Dr. Jordan, don't laugh at me,

cried Jim. "Don't laugh at me. Lov

man's eves from his very soul, "why

you will so be able to come to her-

guarded-only protected and guarded

"By the memory of dreams of m

mother-I will go to her when I've

brought back her baby and her reason has returned, I'll go to her and be able

to say to her all that you would have me; and then, after that, perhaps, I'll

be worthy to seek her love."
"But," Jim, went on, "how can I—marry her, when she thinks I am her

"You will understand that, Jim, when

tell her now. You will see how I have

thought that out. And remember, Jim,

that the marriage is voidable in law as

she is insane, but it's the only way to give hope of her recovery-by her side

you must be every moment-and as her

Into the house they went together,

"Oh, how foolish I am, Jim. I don't mind showing you, doctor-you are so

like one of us. But why is it that I

cannot bear to have him away from

"Listen, Grace," and the old man took

her hand. "Come in here into this room where I have been used to sit for forty

years; back when your father was alive, dear, and your mother. They were my

friends, Grace, and you seem almost like my child now."

"Oh, Dr. Jordan," pried Mrs. Gra-am, "is it right, are we sure? Can we

"If we can't," and the old man's eyes

"Amen!" cried Jim. "May it be

damned eternally—"
"Oh, Jim!" cried the girl, coming

close to him, "what is the matter-they're not going to separate us?"

"Never, dear, if I can help it!"
"Lister, Grace," and the old man's

eyes sought the floor. "You're not the only one who has lost a child-and we

"Mother, mother," sobbed the girl, "

"One night I was returning home from a late call to a sick patient, when

from my doorstep came a faint cry,

and there I found, bundled up in warm

Jim's eyes were fixed upon the girl. "I took the little one into my home

know how you suffered."

clothing, a little boy baby."

know that your baby is alive-for near

flashed, "then heaven pity that body

and at the door Grace met them.

knows but I."

her, that-

trust him"

# THE HAND OF THE UNKNOWN

Synopsis of Chapters Already Published

James Alton, a young man brought up in the lowest quarter of New York, but of education and fine instincts, leaves the city after an altercation with his brutal father. Before taking his train he finds a hand-bag which has been dropped by a young woman sitting near him, Mrs. Grace Gordon, at the moment a telegram was handed to her. Unable to return the bag, Alton boards his train, and during the night the bag is stolen from him, but subsequently recovered. Arrived at his destination, Chanton, a country town, Alton seeks to return the bag to Mrs. Gordon, who happens to live there, but in so doing encounters Frank Black, an important personage, in love with Grace. Black accompanies Jim to her house, where, to the amazement of all, the girl rushes to Alton and throws her arms about his neck, calling him "Jim."

It develops that Grace has been made thas her brother and baby have been hunt to death in the fire which nearly destroyed Chanton, and seeing Jim, the last person she had noticed below her mind became deranged, she takes him for her brother, who she believes can restore her child. Old Dr. Jordan says that Jim must pose to the world as a distant relative, but humor Grace in her belief that he is her brother. She finds in the bag Jim restored to her the chain worn by her baby, which inspires the hope that the baby may not be dead after all. That night Jim captures a giant gypsy on the porch and senis him to fail, where Black manages also to land Jim on the evidence of a postal card received from his father. But Dr. Jordan, with the connivance of a friendly justice (Squire Baldwin) arranges ball for him, as Grace cannot bear to have the one she supposes to be her brother out of her sight. The doctor now tells Jim that they have reached the most decisive step of all.

### CHAPTER XXVIII.

A GYPSY'S LOVE.

HAT the plan contemplated by Dr Jordan was of a nature far more radical than any yet suggested was evident from the great solemnity with which he addressed Jim, and the latter felt that the crucial mo ment in this perplexing situation had

"Can we remain till after breakfast, Dr. Jordan?" he asked. "She wants us now, and you do not know how good it is to be here again, knowing that I

can remain safely. "Yes," Jim, we'll wait, and perhaps I'd better think the thing over a bit longer myself before advising it. Come."

Into the breakfast room they went and were met by the smiling girl. Mrs. Graham, however, looked pale and ill. She had seen enough of the proceedings through the window to know that something of importance had happened. A reassuring nod from the doctor as

he entered set her mind temporarily at rest, and it was a rather happy party that assembled for the morning meal. "Jim and I, Dr. Jordan," said Grace, when they had nearly finished, "a going to take a long drive this morning

and discuss what's best to be done "A good idea, Grace, and I'll visit

with your aunt while you are away. When you get back we'll have a coun-The girl looked at him keenly.

"I've been thinking a lot," she went n. "And-well, Jim and I will talk

tover. I'm not absolutely blind, you know, and I have some sense of reason—if I am only 20 years old."

But even the fear that the girl might have guessed part of the deception in regard to her child which they had practiced upon her did not take from the old man the joy he felt in the world. old man the joy he felt in the knowledge that she would have no return of the the said and the said area. Distribution which had so worried him the day before.

Evidently accustomed to prompt "That's right," he said. "Talk it all obedience, the three dirty urchins the situation, and the dubtous look of frantic with grief, and your father be-

will be wise, I know."

And so they ended breakfast in the best of spirits, Jim leaving the others to order the horse, and Grace prepartory of the road and stood there, way to determined firmness when they way to determined firmness when they

We'll be back in plenty of time for dinner," called Grace as she and Jim where he is."

"All right, Grace," he answered. Then as the young couple drove away he baby-you know the baby. stood watching them far down the road. good looking couple," he re- again,

In the same direction they had taken on their other drive together, Jim and

Grace started, and, the day was just as perfect as that other had been. "I know you have done it all for my sake, as everything you do is for me, but I know now that you have all been

deceiving me. You do not know where Once again it was only his instinct Jim could rely upon in the face of this startling statement, but again that in-

stinct was right. "No, dear," he replied, "we don't know where baby is, but we do know

Safety well that he is safe."

And you have a clue, Jim?" "Yes, dear, and I want to follow it."

"Jim, listen to me, dear. You're my brother-aren't you? The greatest over her offspring, sort of a brother in the world. The "Oh," whispered

with script aignature of

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CHAPTER XXIX.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

THE swarthy child was soon soothed

"Yes, I can," responded Jim. "Can he

"Some time," she answered, a faint

"And he knows where the baby is?"

"See him," was the diplomatic re-

"You stay here till we come tomor

With a last look at the child who had

allen from the wagon, to make sure

that he would be able to remember it,

Jim chirped to the horse and they were

Don't you see, Grace," he said gently

"this is the surest course of all, if the

gypsy knows? He would do anything get away from jail, and he can take

me, perhaps, to the very place where the baby is."

"Take us you mean, Jim. I'm going,

And he fell into deep thought. It did

seem that now there was a way surer and better than going to New York.

The child had been stolen from here,

time as the abductors would dare to

They would not be apt to carry the child about the country for fear of

creating suspicion.

Their drive homeward was a silent

one, Grace apparently content that she had made Jim understand that she was

to be with him always in the future, he

elated over this new possibility of suc-

rived, and Mrs. Graham and the doctor were seated on the porch waiting

as Jim and Grace returned from the

their expected lumps of sugar.

the library at his request.

stable where she had given the horses

"And, Dr. Jordan," cried Jim, "Tve

got a great plan to tell you. I can

murely, "I have finally succeeded in making this terrible brother of mine see that he has the unpleasant task of

got things to say to you, too-important

"And, Dr. Jordan," added Grace de-taking care of his sister all his life on

"Jim, I want to speak to you a m

Wait here, Grace, and you, Mrs

Time enough after lunch, boy. I've

and in all probability was kept some-where near this place, safe until such husband, Jim.

on their way again.

too, you know."
"Yes, dear, you too."

for them.

scarcely wait."

things.

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of my heart and leaves ne room for longer an ignorant gypsy-she's as wise, vines, "do you love that poor girl in of my heart and leaves he was as the grandest mother in the land."

gone. See, dear, I am not weeping—

"Yes," muttered Jim, "and, we may be with you by me I can talk quietly about able to make that leve help us."

Yes, Grace-always quietly, dear. "And we must find the baby-little Jim whom I named after you. And, of ourse, you will have to find him. But with all I have suffered, I cannot bear to be separated from you, Jim. We mist go together, anywhere, wherever he search takes us-and even though it

lakes us all our lives. "Grace, Grace," cried Jim, "you know surely how I long to be with you al-ways-but, can't you imagine places where I would have to go alone in such

would I, Jim-if you showld bring my baby back to a raving mother? And gleam of humor in her eyes. that would I be, Jim, as surely as we are here together now, if I am separated from you again.'

The old doctor's words came back to Alton; and he knew that what this insane girl said was true.

"Then rest your head, dear," he said last. "We will drive quietly now, and perhaps to one of us will come a way out. We must find the baby." "And we must be together."

"Yes." Over the soft road trotted the little horse, carrying them quickly through the glerious morning. Now the way

would be hot with the summer sun, now the shade of great trees. And all the time two minds were busy in the endeavor to solve the problem. It seemed clear to Jim that he mus

at once go to New York and see if the message brought by the giant gypsy had anything to do with the child, and also investigate at the saloon beneath his former home to ascertain if Bixby were a real person. This last, however, he felt was no clue, for Bixby could not have supposed that this mes-sage had ever reached Mrs. Gordon

The first contained a possibility.

They were rounding a sharp bend in the road when a sudden sight of some-thing ahead of them brought an inspiration to Jim.
"Grace," he said quickly, "I wan

to say something to the woman there over that fire. Don't speak yourself." "All right, Jim," and the trust in er voice made him happy.

Just as they had seen her once be fore the teller of fortunes was bend ing over a small blaze and about her skirts played three children. from the picture there was absent one figure-the giant gypsy now lounging

in the county jail.

Again Jim halted his horse by the side of the road where stood the canvas-covered wagon.

"Madar !" he cafled. The dark woman looked up from er cooking.
"Huh!" she grunted, frightened by

the sight of them. "Go in there, queek queek," she cried to the chil-

hat's right," he said. "Talk it all obedience, the three canvas, whence with Jim, and whatever he says clambered beneath the canvas, whence they watched the subsequent proceeding from his pleasure.

But his cheerfulness, which had in the watched the subsequent proceedings with interest.

sullen inquiry on her face.
"Your man," said Jim. "I know

dinner," called Grace as she and Jim started off. "And be sure to be here, Dr. Jordan; we'll have a lot to talk but she could not keep from her eyes the interest her heart held."

"Jim, I want to speak to you a moment," he said after they were settled, "and perhaps we'd better go outside. Wait here, Grace, and you. Mrs.

"I want to help you get him," con-tinued Alton, "if you help us get the "Know nothing," she replied, sullen

Quick her eyes flashed her interest. "You get?" she queried.
"Yes, if you get baby."

"Me no get," she said. "Way off here," and again she stretched her arm

n the direction of the distant hills. But Jim was not discouraged. "If I get your man, will you get

Again hope came to her eyes. But the interruption which followed changed that look to one of wild grief.

From the wagon had come a cry. and, looking there quickly, Jim saw one of the forgotten infants fall to the ground and Me there crying lustily. Like a flash the mother sped to the child's side, and, with gentle words, unintel gible in all except their loving meaning, crooned

"Oh," whispered Grace, "see how she kind of a brother who fills every corner loves the little one. See, Jim, she's no

Why be bothered with

tacks and inferior shade

rollers? when you

can get the



Graham; we won't be tong."

Out to the porch they passed, Jim telephones then—saying that your

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No one moved for a moment. Then the girl's eyes grew big.

"Well, the baby stayed there with hier, and your mother recovered in the ove she gave it. No one in town knew whence the child came, and he grew up as your brother Jim."

All watched the forming of the whisper on her lips.

"And that baby is Jim?"

"Jim."

Did he know be, ore today?"

"No." her, why," and he looked into the old

And he's not my brother?"

"No."
"But Grace, dear," he cried, "I—"
"But Grace, dear," he cried, "I—"
"Why, Jim, dearest-stay there for
a little minute. You don't have to tell
me, boy. It seems as though every
one in the world must know—it didn't
seem right all the while—since baby
went away—that I should love my
brother as I loved you—or that you
wife—that when she recovers her reason she may not, probably will not,
know you by sight?"
"Oh, doctor, doctor, I love her and I
have strength enough for anything—
anything."
"And, boy," the old man went on
mercilessly, "when that reason does return to her do you know that you will
be able to come to her—and before that
God in whom you believe, swear that
"Aid he's not my brother?"
"No."
"And, dearest—stay there for
a little minute. You don't have to tell
me, boy. It seems as though every
one in the world must know—it didn't
seem right all the while—since baby
went away—that I should love my
brother as I loved you—or that you
should love a sister as your eyes told
me—every moment—that you loved me.
Do you think—you, old friend and you
auntie—that any sister love could make
a mother forget for a moment the loss
of her baby? And yet, by him—by Jim,
I have almost forgotten. And now,
dear, come to me—but don't tell me
with your lips that I'm right—your
heart is telling me with every beat
and your eyes with each look they
give me—my husband!"
His arms were about her, and the
two old people left them there alone. back to quiet, and the mother re- you strength enough, loving her, to take turned to the roadside. One her for your wife, to have the right member of the family had suffered before all the world to protect and care and was well again, now she sought to discover what these strangers could do all the time that she's absolutely in-for the head of that family. "You see my man?" she asked ab- she recovers her mind that she is your wife-that when she recovers her rea speak English?" remembering the fel-know you by sight?"
low's pretended ignorance. "Oh, doctor, doctor, I love her and I

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